List of Classified Structures



# **Dos Lomitas** Ranch Windmill and Well

### Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: Dos Lomitas Ranch Windmill and Well

Structure Number: HS02D

> Other Structure Name(s): Other Structure Name(s)

> > Blankenship Ranch Windmill and Well

Dos Lomitas Ranch

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

> Historic District: Historic District

Structure State: Arizona Structure County: Pima

Intermountain Region: Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 056700

## Historical Significance:

Entered - Documented National Register Status:

National Register Date: 05/06/1994

National Historic Landmark?: Nο

Significance Level: Local

Short Significance Description:

The Dos Lomitas Ranch Windmill and Well, Organ Pipe NM, are among the contributing structures of the Dos Lomitas Ranch, entered into the NR, at the local level, under Criterion A, Sonoran Desert cattle raising & B, assoc'n w/Robert Louis Gray, Sr. Ranch's period of significance is 1919-1976.

Long Significance Description:

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The ranch was the first of the fifteen ranches and line camps in the Gray family cattle business which developed the ranching potential of the desert country north of the border and dominated the lands of Organ Pipe National Monument for nearly 60 years.

The Dos Lomitas Windmill and Well are about 12 feet west of the northwestern corner of the corral along with the chute, helping tell the story of the importance of water sources to human habitation in the desert as well as contributing to the more direct story of the ingenious trigger gate roundup method employed by the Gray Family cattle dynasty.

The Dos Lomitas Ranch was entered into the National Register of Historic Places on May 6, 1994.

#### Construction Period:

Construction Period:

Historic

Chronology:

		Begin		End		
Physi	cal Begin	Year	End	Year		Designer
Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer	Occupation
1. Built	1917	AD			Gray,	Other
					Robert	
					Louis, Sr.	

#### **Function and Use:**

Primary Historic Function:

Irrigation Facility

Primary Current Use: Abandoned/Unmaintained

Structure Contains Museum

Collections?:

No

Other Functions or Uses:

	Other Function(s) or Use(s)	Historic or Current
1.	AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE	Historic

## Physical Description:

Structure Type: Grounds/Landscape

42 Square Feet:

Material(s):

Structural Component(s) Material(s) Substructure Fieldstone Superstructure Metal

Short Physical Description: Heavily mortared stone wall over well opening, now capped & sealed. Metal

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